

ND EMS Update – COVID-19 03/27/2020

- Most organizations, employers and agencies are following recommendations for lapsed credentials (CPR, ACLS, PALS, PHTLS, etc.). Classes should not be done at this time.
- No new EMS class authorizations will be issued at this time.
- Classes in progress are encouraged to pause or do on-line training.
- Ensure proper decontamination and sanitization of response units and non-disposable equipment.
- Follow recommendations for proper donning and doffing and disposal of disposable supplies and PPE.
- Do not forget to sanitize the driver's compartment, radio knobs, door handles, etc.
- ND IC CEC - Please see attached instructor recommendation attachment.
- Continue pre-shift screenings. This is very important.
- Do not report to work if ill or if having symptoms of COVID-19.
- Early notification of suspect to other entities responding (i.e. law enforcement, QRU's, transporting ambulances and fire), hospitals etc. Keeping everyone in the loop is essential.
- Do not put medication requests into the HAN asset medical cache. For medication short falls, per recommendation from Dakota Drug, work with your local pharmacy and they will work with Dakota Drug.
- A new [COVID-19 resource page](#) on EMS.gov provides easy to find links to the most relevant and up-to-date information from the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), NHTSA Office of EMS and other Federal agencies involved in the response to the pandemic. This includes guidance for treating potential COVID-19 patients, information on PPE use and supplies and processes for handling healthcare providers who have been exposed to coronavirus.
- Attached is information regarding logging in to the Big Picture database.

**** We must continue to be extremely careful that we do not aid in the transfer of COVID-19 virus to the at-risk populations as well as our own families.****